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The Honorable Mac Thornberry
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Thornberry:

Thank you for your letter of May 23, 2017, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, regarding the request from the Honorable Jason Brinkley to roll back the 2016 EPA rule for landfills that reduced the threshold for Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOCs).

The new NMOC threshold is applicable to landfills that have been constructed, modified or reconstructed since July 17, 2014. The threshold would also apply to existing landfills that are covered by an approved state plan implementing the Municipal Solid Waste Landfills Emission Guidelines, although there are no approved state plans implementing those guidelines at this time. Additionally, on May 5, 2017, the EPA granted reconsideration of several issues within the 2016 Municipal Solid Waste Landfills New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and Emission Guidelines (EG). To reduce regulatory burden during this reconsideration period, the EPA issued a 90-day stay of these requirements on May 31, 2017. In addition, the May 5, 2017 letter noted that we intend to look broadly at the entire 2016 NSPS and EG during this reconsideration proceeding. You may find more information about these steps on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/municipal-solid-waste-landfills-new-source-performance-standards>. The EPA will continue to work with stakeholders during this reconsideration process.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Karen Thundiyil in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at thundiyil.karen@epa.gov or (202) 564-1142.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Sarah A. Dunham for".

Sarah Dunham
Acting Assistant Administrator